

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, and which has a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the ~~housing wall and the conducting~~ ing element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction.

2. (Currently Amended) [[S]] A sealing device in accordance with claim 1, wherein

the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.

3. (Currently Amended) [[S]] A sealing device in accordance with claim 1, wherein

the sealing body can be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) [[S]] A sealing device in accordance with claim 4, wherein

a sealing ring with an internal thread can be screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).
8. (Currently Amended) **[[S]] A** sealing device in accordance with claim 5, wherein
an end stop is formed on the sealing body in a position which lies within the recess.
9. (Currently Amended) **[[S]] A** sealing device in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the sealing body is attached to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer.
10. (Currently Amended) A method for sealing comprising the step of:
- using a sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, and which has a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,
wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the **housing wall and the conducting** **[[ing]]** element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction,
to seal an eccentric through-hole for a conducting element, through the housing wall of a gearbox.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ **A** method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising the step of:
fixing the sealing body by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.
12. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ **A** method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising the step of:
screwing a sealing ring with an internal thread onto the conducting element which comprises the recess to fix the sealing body.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising the step of:

attaching the sealing body to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~[[M]]~~ A method for assembling a sealing device, in which a conducting element and a sealing body are used in a through-hole in a housing wall, comprising the steps of:

- locating the sealing body in the radial direction in at least one recess provided in the contact area in the cross-sectional profile of the ~~housing wall and the~~ conducting element, and

- subjecting the sealing body to a force which acts in the axial direction by means of a clamping device which acts on the sealing body in an axial direction.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~[[M]]~~ A method in accordance with claim 15, wherein the sealing body is ~~located in a radial direction in a recess formed in the conducting element, and is subject to a~~ force which acts in an axial direction is applied by an adjusting nut which can be screwed onto the conducting element.

17. (Canceled).